

## OCLC Control Numbers: To 100 Million... and Beyond!

A record receiving OCLC Control Number 100,000,000 was added to WorldCat on March 29, 2007, by the Windsor Public Library in Connecticut (OCLC symbol CKE).

They contributed cataloging for the book: *It's a Horse's Life!: Advice and Observations for the Humans Who Choose to Share It*. But the Control Number explosion is just beginning. Since Monday, March 26, 2007, cataloging users have started to see significant increases in the size of OCLC Control Numbers as OCLC began the process of assigning OCLC numbers to article citation records. These article citation records will be added to WorldCat.org in support of a mid-April release of the next phase of WorldCat.org development.

Although the citation records themselves will not be added to WorldCat and will not be visible to other users until the release of the next phase of WorldCat.org, their presence caused a massive leap in the size of OCLC Control Numbers assigned to newly cataloged works. According to OCLC's WorldCat Watch (at <<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/default.htm>>) as of April 19, 2007, there were over 84 million (84,123,172 to be exact) OCLC records for items available for discovery in WorldCat.

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## WorldCat: Not Just Bigger... Better!

A recent posting on OCLC-CAT by Glenn Patton, OCLC's Director of WorldCat Quality Management, provided an interesting summary of OCLC's Quality Control Section's activities. According to Patton, "For the first 9 months of this fiscal year (July 2006 through March 2007), OCLC staff have:

- Corrected 2,012,675 bibliographic records.
- Performed 22,853 merges resulting in the deletion of 25,625 bibliographic records.
- Added 224 new authority records.
- Updated 4,111 authority records.
- Referred 254 authority records (name and subject) to the Library of Congress for resolution.

"Many of the changes resulted from the processing of 129,931 change requests," Patton said, "an increase of 121% over the same period of fiscal year 2006."

Congratulations to the Quality Control Section and Connexion users everywhere, who take the time to report and correct errors and issues in WorldCat and the Authority Files. Now that's collaboration!

For more information about OCLC's quality programs, and how to report errors, please see <<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/quality/default.htm>>.

Patton, Glenn <patpng@oclc.org>, "OCLC Quality Control Section Activities," Apr. 13, 2007, <listserv://OCLC-CAT@OCLC.ORG>.

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## OCLC Announces Two New WorldCat Selection Vendors: China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation and Coutts Information Services

OCLC has announced the addition of these two new active WorldCat Selection vendors:

### China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation:

Founded in October 1980, the China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation (CNPITC) is one of China's largest foreign trade enterprises in the national press and publishing industry. Its business covers the import and export of books, periodicals, newspapers, audio-visuals, electronic publications, and cultural products, among other things and is a leading supplier of Chinese publications to libraries worldwide.

With main offices in Beijing, CNPITC also has branches in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In June 2002, CNPITC became the first ISO9001-2000 certified corporation within the Chinese press and publishing industry. Visit their web site at <<http://www.cnpitc.com.cn>>.

**Coutts Information Services:** Coutts is the first WorldCat North American vendor to become a partner in OCLC's WorldCat Selection service. Coutts serves libraries around the world with offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Coutts Information Services provides book supply, collection management and shelf-ready services to libraries throughout the world, including approval and new title notification plans based on customized library profiles, as well as firm and standing orders. Coutts is a global partner able to help libraries with the transition from print to electronic content, offering the MyiLibrary aggregated eBook platform and integrated workflow processes. Visit their web site at <<http://www.couttsinfo.com/>>.

These new vendors join Aux Amateurs de Livres International, Casalini Libri, Harrassowitz, Puvill Libros, and Jean Touzot Librarie Internationale as active WorldCat Selection vendors.

For more information about WorldCat Selection and the vendor partners, please visit <<http://www.oclc.org/selection>> or contact Lauren Pinsley at Nylink via phone at 800-342-3353/518-443-5444, or by email to pinsleyl@nylink.org.

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## WorldCat Collection Analysis Offers Two New Predefined Peer Groups

In January 2007 two new predefined peer groups were added to WorldCat Collection Analysis (WCA).

These predefined peer groups allow subscribers to compare their collections to the collections of leading Irish and Canadian institutions.

To add a predefined peer group, log-in to the Administration Module of WorldCat Collection Analysis at <<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/admin>>. Then:

1. Click on the Collection Analysis tab.
2. Click on the Predefined Groups sidebar tab.
3. Choose a Category, Subcategory, and Predefined Group.
4. Click the Add button.
5. Click the Save Changes button.

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